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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of State Police Trooper Patrick E. Ahl, a lifelong Weymouth resident, who passed away on August 21st. He was 40 years old.

Trooper Patrick E. Ahl.

Trooper Ahl was a member of the Massachusetts State Police since 2006. Prior to serving with the State Police, he served as a member of the 772nd Military Police Company of the Massachusetts National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003. He was honorably discharged in 2007. Trooper Ahl also worked as a correctional officer for the Department of Correction at MCI-Cedar Junction in Walpole.

During his time with the State Police, Trooper Ahl was awarded the Medal of Valor in 2010 for his efforts to save a woman whose car had hydroplaned off the road on Route 95. As the car was filling with water from torrential downpours, he broke a window, cutting both of his hands, in order to help get the woman to safety.

Trooper Ahl is survived by his parents Edward and Margaret, and sisters Shannon Burns and Susan Junkins.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brodeur of Melrose) honoring and celebrating Melrose Symphony Orchestra's one hundredth concert season;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Sema Faigen for her record of achievement and service to her community; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Gentile of Sudbury) honoring Chief Robert Irving on his retirement from the Wayland Police Department;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Melrose Symphony.

Sema Faigen.

Robert Irving.

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Annual Report.

The 2017 annual report of the Division of Standards (under Section 57 of Chapter 98 of the General Laws) for the work completed during the calendar year 2016, was placed on file.

Division of Standards.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day for legislation to establish early literacy education grant programs within the departments of Elementary and Secondary Education and Early Education and Care.

Early literacy.

By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of RoseLee Vincent relative to penalties for persons acting as accessories after murders of minor children.

Child murder, accessories.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to improve access to cancer clinical trial programs, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Clinical trials,—access.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2159) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Patricia A. Haddad and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to further regulate the domestic stock life insurance company, known as The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

SBLI life insurance company.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of Cynthia S. Creem, Patricia D. Jehlen, Marjorie C. Decker, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote child well-being, community supervision and efficient use of state resources,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Juvenile Court, diversion programs.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

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The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to issue 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2051) [Local Approval Received]; and

Palmer, liquor license.

House Bills

Exempting Nicholas L. Martone from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3793) [Local Approval Received];

North Andover,— Nicholas Martone.

Exempting J. Adam Stagno from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3794) [Local Approval Received]; and

North Andover,— J. Adam Stagno.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Staelens, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3886);

Jacqueline Staelens, sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission with limited authority (House, No. 3785), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Peabody to grant 20 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3788), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Peabody, liquor licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 40; and in section 2, in line 72, by inserting after the word "within", in both instances, the words "an area described in subsection (b)".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3788, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.